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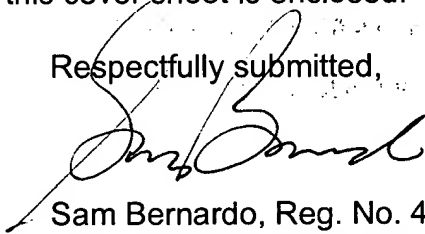
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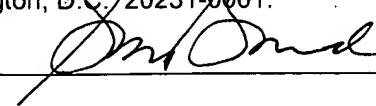
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AMENDMENT E

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for his thorough evaluation of this application and offers the following response to the Office Action dated March 27, 2002.

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (thrice amended) A two-part buckle including an auxiliary locking feature comprising:

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a female buckle part including belt or strap receiving portion, and a body portion defining a recess for receiving a mating portion of a male buckle part and a pair of edge recesses and a front panel having an aperture therein completely surrounded by said front panel;